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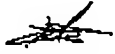
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Sir:

Submitted herewith are:

- (1) Amendment (pages including this Transmittal); and
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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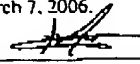
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 10, 2006, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered in the above-identified patent application:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.